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**Introduced by Senator Denham**

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An act to amend Section 19620 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to fairs.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 343, as introduced, Denham. Fairs.

Existing law provides that the Department of Food and Agriculture is responsible for the oversight and monitoring of the Fair and Exposition Fund, as well as the administration, auditing, and support of the California fairs.

This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to this provision.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1     SECTION 1. Section 19620 of the Business and Professions  
2     Code is amended to read:  
3     19620. (a) The Legislature finds and declares that the  
4     Department of Food and Agriculture is responsible for ensuring  
5     the integrity of the Fair and Exposition Fund, administering  
6     allocations from the fund to the network of California fairs, as  
7     defined in Sections 19418 to 19418.3, inclusive, and providing  
8     oversight of activities carried out by each California fair.  
9     (b) Oversight shall include, but not be limited to, the  
10    following:  
11    (1) Monitoring the solvency of the Fair and Exposition Fund.

1 (2) Distributing available state resources to the network of  
2 California fairs based on criteria for state allocations *that are*  
3 approved by the Secretary of Food and Agriculture. The criteria  
4 for the distribution of available state resources to the network of  
5 California fairs shall not include a consideration of the structure  
6 that governs the fair.

7 (3) Creating a framework for administration of the network of  
8 California fairs allowing for maximum autonomy and local  
9 decisionmaking authority, and conducting, or causing to be  
10 conducted, annual fiscal audits and periodic compliance audits.

11 (4) Conducting fiscal and performance audits of county fairs  
12 and citrus fruit fairs that are requested by the fair that is the  
13 subject of the audit, and that the Department of Food and  
14 Agriculture deems to be necessary.

15 (5) Guiding and providing incentives to fairs to seek matching  
16 funds and generate new revenue from a variety of sources.

17 (6) Supporting continuous improvement of fair programming  
18 to ensure that California fairs remain highly relevant community  
19 institutions.